

Human-Annese interbreeding

The Urth list — 1 messages, 1 voices, 01 Jun 1998

<https://urth.darkrealm.vip/thread/urth/703>

Exported from an unofficial mirror of a public mailing list. Copyright in each message remains with the person who wrote it. Email addresses are obscured as `user at host`, the form the original archive published. This file was rebuilt from parsed fields rather than retained headers, so it is faithful in content but not byte-exact.

adam louis stephanides — 01 Jun 1998, 21:09

On Sun, 31 May 1998 Robert Borski wrote:

Given the diverseness of our own genome here on earth, where a Masai can mate with a pygmy (just to pick an obvious set of extremes) and reproduce, it's very likely all three variants could interbreed, and might even hybridize with good old Homo sapiens terrae. God is sometimes wondrous--

This is something that bothered me when I reread 5HC. I'm no biologist, but given the possible variations in the amino acids used, the genetic code used, the number of chromosomes, the arrangement of genes on the chromosome, and undoubtedly other things, it seems to me that there is basically no chance of life that evolved independently on two different planets being able to interbreed. Of course, the question is how it seems to Mr. Wolfe (the real one).

If he feels the same way as me, this of course raises the problem that V.R.T. is portrayed as a human-Annese hybrid. There are several possibilities:

- 1) Annese can change their DNA along with their shapes.
- 2) All Annese, not just the Shadow children, were descendants of an earlier wave of human colonization.
- 3) Either of the alternatives I presented for "Liev's Postpostulate" (the Annese are French settlers gone native, or projections of the settler's thoughts).
- 4) R.T. is not V.R.T.'s genetic father.

Any opinions?

--Adam